

Navigating Medicaid for ICPC Youth

It can take up to 45 days for Medicaid to be set up in the receiving state for IV-E and state funded (non IV-E eligible) youth. How Medicaid is handled is based on a case-by case basis, so it is very important to reach out to Health Advocacy staff **BEFORE** the youth is sent out of state to determine a medical plan. Please contact the Health Advocacy Relationships Manager Allyson.D.Witt@tn.gov or Shannon.M.Patterson@tn.gov to discuss Medicaid transitions in the ICPC planning phase.

The **100A** and **100B** need to be submitted to the CWB unit, the ICPC unit in Central office, and Health Advocacy unit in Central Office and a copy provided to the foster parent. Be sure to indicate on the 100A whether the child is IVE or not. If you do not submit to each office it can prevent proper processing of paperwork and delay approval and medical coverage past the 45 day mark.

Any EPSD&T services should be obtained prior to the child leaving TN. Good Cause Exceptions (GCEs) will not be granted for ICPC children on the basis of the ICPC instance alone.

It is very important that any medications be filled **before** the child leaves TN to avoid a lapse in medication. It is suggested that you reach out to the prescribing provider and explain that the youth is moving out of state and to request a 30-60 day until they can get a provider set-up in the receiving state.

How to Obtain Medicaid for IV-E eligible youth

The ICPC unit in Central Office will submit the 100A and 100B to the new state of residence. If the youth is Title IV-E eligible and placed in a paid ICPC placement, they are deemed categorically eligible to receive Medicaid in the state they reside.

For children receiving SSI, the Child Welfare Benefits Counselor will contact the local Social Security Administration to report a residence address change. This will result in the Medicaid changing to the new residence state.

If DCS divested legal custody to the foster parents then the FSW will report this information to the Child Welfare Benefits Unit and the Child Welfare Benefits Counselor will notify SSA of this change.

How to Obtain Medicaid for State Funded (Non IV-E eligible youth)

If the youth is not IV-E eligible then they are not guaranteed to receive Medicaid in the receiving state. Most often, the ICPC placement will need to apply for Medicaid through the federal marketplace at www.healthcare.gov once the youth has been placed.

A child can receive Medicaid in the receiving state for the following reasons:

- The family income is below the receiving states poverty line, or
- They are placed with a relative and the receiving state has provisions to encourage kinship placements (not every state approves Medicaid based on kinship placement).

If youth are not eligible to receive Medicaid we can build a TennCare network around the youth's medical and behavioral health needs by utilizing the **ICPC Behavioral/Medical Referral** form. This takes time as most states do not have TennCare providers already in place. It is very important that you contact the Health Advocacy office (Allyson.D.Witt@tn.gov or Shannon.M.Patterson@tn.gov) as early as possible to start making a medical action plan.